

# The DX Bulletin

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PROPAGATION: May 17-19, Low Normal; May 20, High Normal; May 21, High Normal/Disturbed; May 22, Disturbed/Low Normal; May 23, Low/High Normal; May 24-26, Low Normal; May 27, Low Normal/Below Normal; May 28, 29, Low Normal; May 30, Disturbed. TNX N4XX.

## SEVERAL IMPORTANT CHANGES AT TDXB:

1. We have cancelled the toll free "800" number, because almost nobody was using it. Thanks to those of you who did. Effective immediately the TDXB number is 203-871-7699, with a 24-hour answering machine.

2. We have extended the deadline for sending the Countries Needed Survey sheet (Issue 136) to June 1.

3. The box in the lower right corner of this page has a few changes regarding subscription rates. All new and renewing subscribers will have the option of paying extra for first-class mail delivery. Subscribers in the "48 states" wishing to switch immediately can do so by sending the difference for one year, Six dollars.

Yearly subscription rate for Canada, Mexico, Alaska, Hawaii, and U.S. possessions is increased to \$32 per year, and the rate for all others (airmail) is increased to \$40 per year.

A FEW COMMENTS on MELLISH REEF VK9ZR... the operation by VK2BJL, EA8AK, and DJ9ZB came on as scheduled, about 0900Z on May 7. A few of the locals who asked for advice on working Mellish were advised to listen at the usual times on the usual bands when Australia comes through, and, sure enough, there was Mellish. This was a smooth operation, with emphasis on CW, and no funny business. 48 hours into the operation we were told that they had passed the 8,000 contact mark, and they still had three days to go.

The fact that there was less "policing" and other trash is directly attributed to the quality of the operation. One fly

in the ointment was noted among U.S. CW operators: some folks just wouldn't shut up long enough to listen, and there was far too much constant calling. When VK9ZR would say "W8?" (for example) many would not heed the selective call.

But it was ever thus. All in all, a super operation. QSL to VK2BJL.

RUMOR of a PYØ Peter and Paul Rocks expedition published elsewhere and listed in our Calendar last issue seems highly unlikely, considering the trauma in the Atlantic. You know that Ascension Island is being used as a staging area by the British...Ted Collins, ZD8TC, is reported to have returned to England. It is not known if this is a scheduled departure. Also, Andy, ZD9BV, has been pretty quiet the past couple of weeks.

SOME LOCALS are discussing an expedition to Canada's St. Paul Island in July of this year, and they're hoping to have eight contest-style operators aboard. More later.

If you worked ZF2FL in either of the past two CQ WW Phone Contests (in October) be sure to get the nice beachfront QSL card. Operator Jim Rafferty, N6RJ, is general manager of HRO Anaheim. HRO, incidentally, is reported to now be the number-two amateur radio retailer in the country, behind AES Milwaukee.

Have you worked VR6TC Pitcairn? We gave up on him years ago but, luckily, had a QSL from itinerant W3DWG/VR6 in the 60's. Tom Christian has been on again of late... try 21350 at 2300 Thursday.

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SEEMS THAT GUINEA operation the first week of May signed 3X5DX as well as 3X3JA. QSL both to JA1HGY.

DF8MP/XZ still in the news but not much on the bands...he's back in Germany now but supposed to be returning to Ran-  
goon for an extended stay later this summer. Says documentation will be OK.

SPANISH ops are using the prefixes AM, AN, and AO until July 31 in honor of the World Football (soccer) Cup competition to be held there in June. EA8s and EA9s using them, too.

XZ5KNU/9 is the station of the KAREN NATIONAL UNION. Recall that XZ5A and XZ9A operate from the Karen State of Burma. If Burma turns out to be a Hot Spot soon we DXers won't be surprised.

The FCC Laurel Laboratory, which does equipment testing for the RF emissions of new equipment, will have its staff cut from 23 to five persons by early next year. This is the place which approves all those wonderful ham amplifiers which don't have 10 Meters included in them.

ARRL's Delta Division Convention in the World's Fair city of Knoxville May 22/23 will feature Don Search W3AZD conducting a DXCC forum, new ARRL President Vic Clark, W4KFC, Gary Dixon, K4MQG, first U.S. DXer to achieve 5-band WAZ, and Bob May, K4SE, who can officially check your QSLs for CQ Magazine's WAZ Award.

All those funny Canadian callsigns will count for something: the Canadian Constitution Certificate. You need to work 10 Canadians by the end of May and send certified log data to VE3LSS Radio Club, 155 Maitland Ave, Listowel ON N4W 2M4. Endorsements for a hundred contacts and/or all ten provinces. The special prefixes they've been using are VC, CY, and CK, as well as the usual VE, VO, VY.

Another activity coming up in the Great White North is the 1982 Northwest DX Convention, Vancouver, Jul 31/Aug 1, starring K5YY, N7ZZ (P41C), K4YT, and WB4ZNH. Get details from VE7WJ or VE7AZG.

LATEST ISSUE of the Northern California DX Club newsletter suggests use of a new "Q" signal, QDX, which means:

"TNX FER CALL DR OM. UR FB SIG 599. QSL SURE. PSE URS VIA BURO. HPE CU AGN. VRY 73 U ES URS. GD DX DE \_\_\_\_"

The optional long form of QDX is "QDX (name) (QTH) (Callsign)"

We are sure we can think of many more and perhaps a whole list of them will appear in these pages soon. In fact...

QRP "I'm running the Alpha barefoot"

Q2M "I can't hear him...say 'go ahead' over the repeater if he comes back to me."

QHR "I've worked them all but never bothered to get the QSL cards"

QUD "He's listening up, you dummy!"

QXZ "I don't care if the League counts it or not, I worked Burma and that's all that matters to me"

QFO "I still think he was on San Felix"

QRA "I just turned my receiver on, what's his callsign?"

QLI "Which PY0 island will there not be an operation from this week?"

QWG "Has Georges made his maximum six contacts for this week?"

QDC "There's another damn contest again this weekend"

QDE "The League just deleted me off the Honor Roll"

QFB "The League just deleted me onto the Honor Roll"

Q\$\$ "How does my Signal-One sound?"

QPO "The Postal Service lost my copy of IDXB again"

QFU No change

BANDPASS: Call/Frequency/UTC (plus West, Central, East Coast report)/Date

AP2MQ 14222 12C 2	HH2VP 14026 22E 1	VK9NS 14202 11C 30	5Z4CS 14002 23E 29
A35BD 14211 09E 9	HS5AID 21033 00C 8	VK9NL 14012 06E 2	5Z4CS 14031 22E 1
A71AA 14202 14C 1	ISØOMH 14013 00E 1	VP2VIH 14010 00E 29	5Z4CS 14026 23E 3
A71AA 14214 12C 2	J3ABA 28028 20E 2	VQ9CW 7004 01E 30	5Z4CX 21297 22C 10
A71AA 14210 13E 2	J3AH 21346 01C 3	VQ9CW 21029 23E 1	7P8CG 21013 19E 2
A92CE 21007 04C 7	J88AY 14034 01E 30	VQ9VR 21026 20E 10	7X4AN 21008 23C 1
BV2A 14036 12E 5	AH2L 14205 12E 5	VU2VZ 14015 01E 30	9J2NO 14033 23E 29
CN2AQ 7002 23E 26	KHØAC 14208 12C 4	ZB2EO 7009 00E 3	9J2NO 7002 23E 30
DU9RG 14213 12C 2	M1C 14026 01E 2	ZC4EPI 14036 22E 1	9J2CJ 21024 19E 1
NØZO/	OA4AWD 14013 13E 1	ZK2VU 14013 12E 30	9J2TS 21008 15E 2
DU 21014 18C 7	OJØMR 14025 01C 7	ZK2VU 7003 12C 8	9Q5VT 28532 17C 7
EA9KS 21020 17E 1	P29CH 14206 09E 9	3B8CF 21032 03C 7	9U5WR 28033 14E 2
EL2P 21016 02C 6	SV1CK 14025 01E 1	4S7MX 14202 13C 2	9V1TL 14028 11E 28
EP2TY 14205 02E 7	TL8GE 14211 01C 4	4S7WP 14026 12C 5	
FB8WG 14013 13C 9	TN8AJ 21008 15E 2	5B4JK 21005 20E 2	
FC6ETS 28024 14E 2	TF3S 14005 02E 1	GW3SSK/	
FK8CW 14030 11E 28	T32AF 14014 09C 9	5NØ 21027 15E 2	
FR7BP 14032 13E 1	T32AF 14215 09E 9	4X4MS/	
FR7BP 14013 12C 3	UM8PAC 14024 22E 28	5N9 21290 21C 2	
HD8GI 21346 01C 3	UM8PAC 21043 03C 7	5W1DQ 21346 01C 3	

\*\*\*Please mail reports to reach Vernon by Monday...mail Thursday or Friday.  
Phone 203-871-7699 any time, especially on Sunday and Monday.

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UPDATES...in order of need in last year's TDXB Survey

BY1PK (1) no reports; 21030 01-03Z

J. Fernandez CEØZAD likes 21345 at 0100Z

DF8MP/XZ (3) still undocumented but  
rumored to show again this summer  
21250 at 16Z

VE1AWS Sable due there now, CW only

HINTS

ZA (4) very shaky but Spaniards trying  
for Sept; OH2BH and friends sending gear  
to Tirana Univ

Try 15 Meters long-path from the East  
Coast to the Pacific at 1230Z...we worked  
Mellish that way.

VKØ Heard see Issue 140 and consider  
joining IDXF/NCDXF (6)

Asiatic USSR peaks on 20 this time of year  
02-04Z with lots of UH8 UJ8 etc.

FB8WG best time 13Z, Sats and Suns,  
28600, 14220, low ends of CW bands (9)

Nets falling prey to bad skip on 15 and 10;  
Open House net 14332 at 1000Z has Macquarie,  
Willis, Christmas. Well-run operation.  
21345 at 0100 has 9M6, HS, some Pacific.

A6X ARRL still examining documentation

ZD9BV quiet lately; likes 28600 and  
21300+ afternoons (23)

Winter coming in Southern Hemisphere; try  
40 and 80 for deep South America, VK, ZL,  
others.

YI1AS gone since December, QSLs vy slow

BV2A/B still WEs only, 12Z 20 CW/SSB

Make sure that rare one you need gets your  
call right...make him say it back to you.  
Too many people these days aren't doing  
so. Don't take a chance...work him again  
if you have to.



# CALENDAR

RUMOR Peter/Paul Rocks May 14-21  
(LIDXB)  
Pacific ZK, FO8, 3D2 by K8VIR May/Jun  
N Cooks ZK1 by SMØAGD May, I 139  
Willis By VK2BJL group until Jun 18/19

Sable VE1AWS/1 started May 11; I 138  
Andorra C31WE by F6ARI May 17-29  
Leichten. DA1WA/HBØ May 21-30; I 132  
Contest CQ WPX CW May 29/30  
Tokelau ZM7 by SMØAGD June, I 139

Contest All Asia Phone Jun 19/20  
C. Kiribati T31 by SMØAGD July, I 139  
Am Phoenix KH1 by SMØAGD July, I 139  
Convention YL ISSB Milwaukee Jul8-11,  
KB9OC for details

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KM9J, K8FC, N5FG, W9DH, WBØOQV, WA4SAC.

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Convention NW DX Vancouver Jul 31; I 141  
St Paul Maybe coming in July; more  
E Carolines By AD1S Aug 4-8  
W Carolines By AD1S Aug 8-11  
Marianas KHØ by AD1S Aug 11-14

Marshalls KX6 by AD1S Aug 14-16  
Contest All Asia CW Aug 28/29  
Albania September?  
Heard January 83?

Info needed on XW8CO, William Darden, 1975;  
please contact TDXB.

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